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SUBJECT: FRASER HEARINGS

1. CONGRESSMAN FRASER CONTINUED HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA JUNE 10 WITH TESTIMONY BY JAI HYON LEE (JOURNALISM PROFESSOR, WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, AND FORMER ROK EMBASSY INFORMATION ATTACHE), RICHARD L. WALKER (DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AND WILLIAM P. THOMPSON (UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH). HEARING WAS WELL ATTENDED BY PUBLIC, PRESS AND FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

2. DR. LEE DEVOTED MOST OF HIS STATEMENT TO DESCRIPTION OF ROKG PLAN USING "SEDUCTION, PAY OFF AND INTIMIDATION", PRINCIPALLY THROUGH COVERT KCIA ACTIVITIES IN US, TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN US. HE ALLEGED US SUPPORTING DICTATORIAL KOREAN GOVERNMENT WHOSE REPRESSIVE POLICIES CAN ONLY INCREASE INTERNAL INSTABILITY. HE WARNED PRESIDENT
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PARK MAY CREATE OR EXPLOIT MILITARY INCIDENT WITH NORTH KOREA TO INVOLVE US IN A SECOND KOREAN WAR. LEE RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES TIMED WITH DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TOWARD MAJOR POWERS TO GUARANTEE STA-

BILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA.

3. CONGRESSMEN FRASER, DERWINSKI AND RYAN QUESTIONED LEE CLOSELY ON ALLEGATIONS OF KCIA ACTIVITIES. LEE WAS UNABLE TO CORROBORATE HIS CHARGES OF COVERT KCIA FUNDING FOR PRO-ROKG BROADCASTS, KOREAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS, ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND KOREAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND EFFORTS TO INTIMIDATE KOREANS IN US CRITICAL OF PARK GOVERNMENT. ASKED BY FRASER FOR DETAILS TO SUPPORT ALLEGATION ROKG ATTEMPTED TO INFLUENCE US CONGRESSMEN, LEE STATED HE HAD SEEN FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO IN EARLY 1973 LEAVE ROK EMBASSY EN ROUTE TO CONGRESS WITH ENVELOPES CONTAINING \$100 BILLS. HE COULD PROVIDE NO OTHER DETAILS TO SUPPORT CHARGE US CONGRESSMEN RECEIVED ROKG FUNDS AND ALSO STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON PAYMENTS BY US FIRMS TO KOREAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

4. PROFESSOR WALKER'S STATEMENT STRESSED KOREAN SECURITY PROBLEMS AND IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ANY SIGNALS WHICH WOULD LEAD NORTH KOREA TO CONCLUDE US COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF ROK HAD WEAKENED. NORTH KOREA REMAINS COMMITTED TO REUNIFICATION ON ITS TERMS AND PRESENTS SERIOUS SECURITY THREAT TO SOUTH KOREA. WHILE MANY ACTIONS OF PARK GOVERNMENT ARE REGRETTABLE AND MAY WEAKEN ROK SECURITY, THEY REFLECT A "SEIGE MENTALITY". FRASER HEARINGS COULD INCREASE ROKG CONCERNS OVER STRENGTH OF US COMMITMENT AND LEAD TO EVEN MORE REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

5. WALKER RECOMMENDED THAT (1) CONGRESS ASSERT US WILL HONOR OUR DEFENSE COMMITMENT, (2) CONGRESS ALSO NOTE THE NATURE OF NORTH KOREAN REGIME, (3) CONGRESS SEEK ROKG COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR US PROGRAMS IN KOREA, AND (4) FRASER HEARINGS NOT ALLOW KIM IL SUNG TO MISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CALCULATE US RESOLVE IN ASIA.

6. DR. THOMPSON REVIEWED CONCERNS OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND US CHURCH GROUPS FOR KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. WCC TEAM WHICH RECENTLY VISITED SEOUL CONCLUDED THAT FOUR NCC-K OFFICIALS ARE ON TRIAL BY ROKG BECAUSE OF THEIR LEADERSHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND THEIR ARREST REPRESENTS ROKG INFRINGEMENT ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

7. IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE IMPORTANCE FOR US OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA, THOMPSON PROPOSED A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY INTENDED TO

PRESERVE FREEDOM OF KOREAN PEOPLE, DEPLORING HUMAN RIGHTS

VIOLATIONS, NOTING THAT REPRESSION LEADS TO INTERNAL CHAOS, STRESSING THAT AMERICANS DO NOT WISH TO INTERVENE TO SUPPORT REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS AND STATING US NOT PLEDGED TO SUPPORT PRESENT ROK LEADERSHIP AGAINST INTERNAL DEMANDS FOR CHANGE. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CONGRESS URGE REMOVAL OF US TROOPS FROM DMZ TO MORE DISTANT POSITION, THAT WORLD BANK LOANS TO KOREA BE EXAMINED ON GROUNDS FUNDS DO NOT BENEFIT POORER KOREAN ECONOMIC GROUPS, AND THAT ROKG BE ADVISED MILITARY ASSISTANCE WILL BE REDUCED IN FUTURE AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE REDUCED IMMEDIATELY IN ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS.

8. DURING QUESTION PERIOD, CONGRESSMAN RYAN STATED HE IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING RESOLUTION REQUIRING COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM KOREA OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD ON GROUNDS US PUBLIC WILL NOT SUPPORT US COMBAT INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA.

9. NEXT HEARING SCHEDULED JUNE 12 TO HEAR STATEMENTS OF FORMER LEGAL ADVISOR LEONARD MEEKER AND RETIRED FSO DONALD RANARD.

10. COPIES OF STATEMENTS POUCHED TO EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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